Service for opening 5 more fire stations and for acquiring modern equipments. The Delhi fire Service has procured a number of sophisticated fire equipments especially meant for fire fighting in high-rise buildings.

Setting up of a Second Uranium Enrichment Plant by Pakistan

1067. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is setting up a second uranium enrichment plant with a West German firm providing technical assistance in the form of blueprints and some very sensitive equipment nad whether work on this plant deep inside Pakistan territory has already begun;

(b) whether these blueprints were stolen from a subsidiary of a West German firm; and

(c) whether some of these blueprints and equipment were seized by the Swisis Authorities who intercepted a consignment as it was being sent to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have seen several press reports to this effect and think they are quite likely to be correct.

Suitability of U.S. Supercomputer

1068. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has given its opinion on the suitability of Cray XMP-14 supercomputer of the U.S. for region specific weather forecasting mission; if so, the details and Government's decision on the offer in its light; and

(b) whether the U.S. Government is willing to sign GENERIC agreement on supply of supercomputers; whether such an agreement will provide access to other generations of supercomputers in future; if so, the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Department of Science nad Technology, along with other departments of the Government, are involved in the on going process of evaluation of some supercomputers that are available for export from the USA to India for meteorologicgal purposes.

(b) Yes, Sir. The US Government has expressed its willingness to sign a generic agreement that was negotiated in December, 1986 regarding the sale of supercomputers to India. The question of signing this agreement is linked closely with the outcome of the ongoing evaluation of the US offer to license the sale of a supercomputer for meteorologieal purposes.

Calcutta, High Court's Judgement on Transfer of Kuchlibari Area to Bangladesh

1069. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Calcutta has in its judgement restrained the proposed transfer of the Kuchlibari area to Bangladesh; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government are contemplating to take in this regard *vis-a-vis Bangladesh's* demand?